

Survey of the Michigan Wolf Management Roundtable Members

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Criteria for Inviting Group/individual Roundtable Members

- Provides the broadest representation of the interest group based on membership.
- Organization is acknowledged as their representative by a majority of the interest group.
- Organization has clearly identifiable stake (values) in wolf-related issues.
- Support is needed for implementation of an acceptable wolf planning process and product.
- Willingness to commit resources (time, travel, personnel) to effectively complete the project.
- Availability of a suitable spokesperson who is cooperative, knowledgeable, open minded and dedicated to the planning procedure.

Michigan Wolf Management Roundtable Interests

Environmental/Ecological Interests

Defenders of Wildlife

Michigan Resources Stewards

National Wildlife Federation

Sierra Club

The Wildlife Society

Timber Wolf Alliance

Animal Welfare Interests

Michigan Humane Society

Hunting/Trapping Interests

Michigan Hunting Dog Federation

Michigan United Conservation Clubs

Safari Club International

Upper Peninsula Sportsmen's Alliance

Upper Peninsula Whitetails Association

Livestock Producer Interests

Farm Bureau

Michigan State University Extension

Public Safety Interests

Michigan Sheriff's Association

Tourism & Resource Development Interests

Central UP Planning and

Development Commission

Tribal Interests

Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission

Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority

Michigan Department of Natural Resources

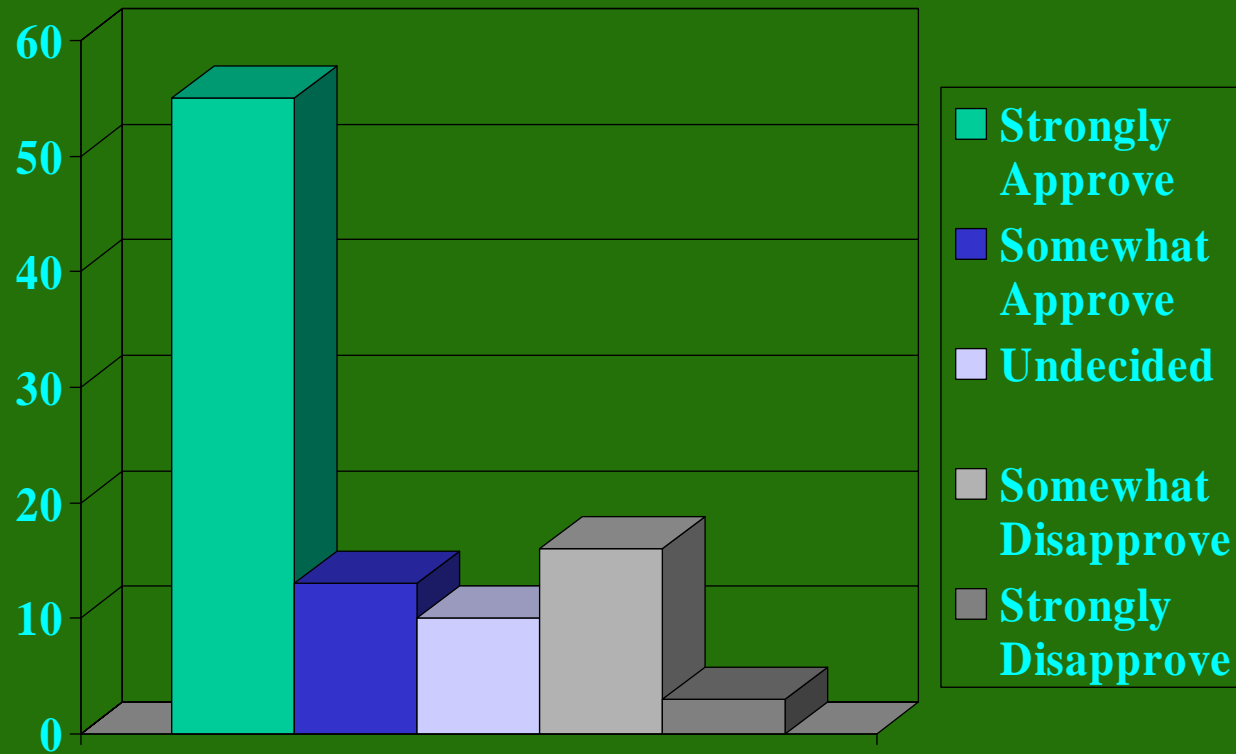
Law Enforcement Division

Wildlife Division

Characteristics of Roundtable Respondents

- **Response:** 32 of 35 (91%) responded
- **Residence:** 50% UP; 7% NLP; 40% SLP (1 response missing)
- **Hunters:** 68% (21); 29% (9) non-hunters (not opposed); (1) undecided
- **Age:** half are \leq 52 years

Roundtable Opinion About Wolves In Michigan



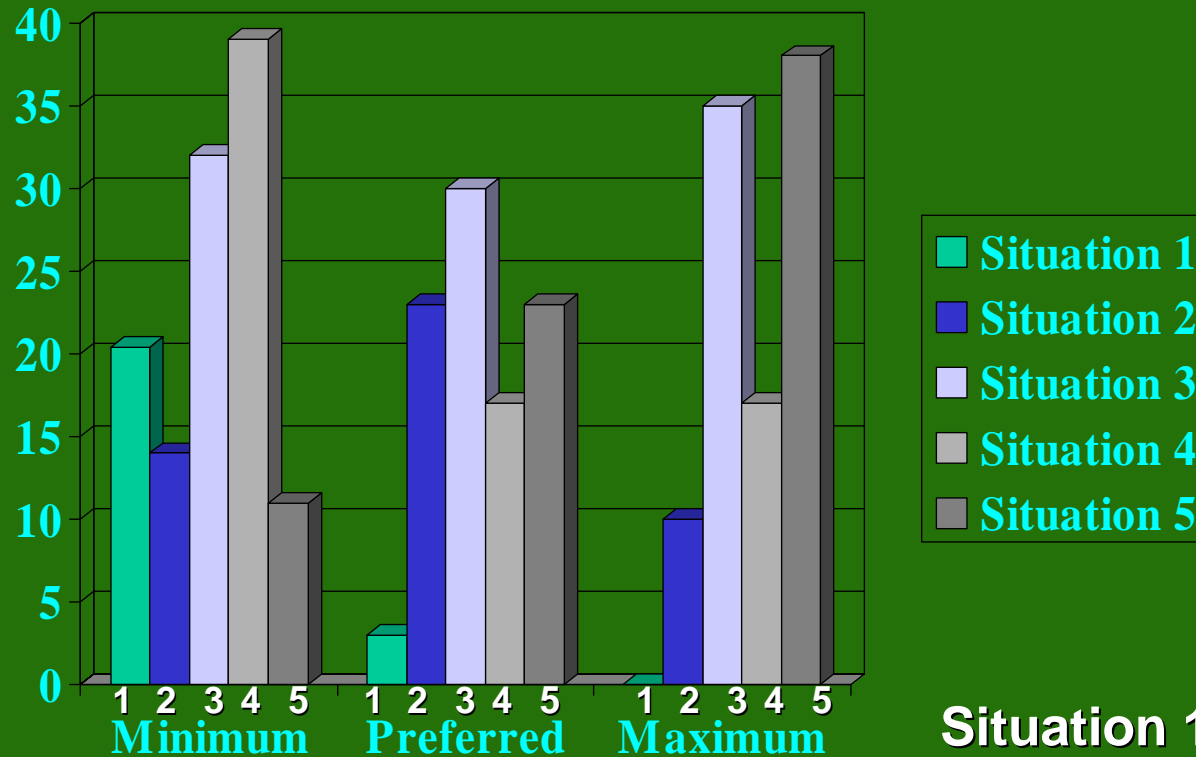
Why should we have wolves in MI?

	Very/somewhat Important	Not A Reason
As predators...	58%	23%
People appreciate wolves...	68%	13%
Future generations...	61%	16%
Historic presence...	52%	19%
View, hear, photograph wolves...	60%	20%
Potential game species...	29%	42%
Wolves have rights...	39%	39%
Tourism benefits	52%	23%

Reasons to Reduce Wolf NO.s in an Area

	Very/somewhat Important	NOT a Consideration
Loss of farm animals...	81%	10%
No. of pets attacked ...	77%	10%
Public concern for safety...	61%	26%
Reduced deer hunter harvest...	58%	29%
Hunting dogs lost to wolves...	52%	36%

Roundtable Survey: How many wolves in the UP?



Situation 1 = no wolves; Situation 5 = close to biological carrying capacity, widely distributed

Roundtable Survey: Is NON-Management an Option?

Option to “leave wolves alone” when problems related to...

- Loss of domestic animals: 73% oppose; 26% support**
- Public concerns for safety: 59% oppose; 21% support**
- Lower number of deer: 55% oppose; 38% support**

Some Roundtable Beliefs

- Let wolves maintain population without management 43% Agree; 67% Disagree
- Plentiful wolves = lower quality deer hunting 47% Agree; 43% Disagree
- Risk to humans should be considered in pop management 43% Agree; 53% Disagree

- **The Roundtable survey was a beginning, not a vote**
- **We are a diverse group; a reasonable fit with interested MI citizens**